

RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

CLAIM REJECTION - 35 U.S.C. §112

Because claim 9 is cancelled, these rejections are moot.

CLAIM REJECTION - 35 U.S.C. §103

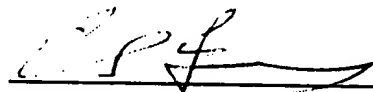
Because claims 9 is cancelled, these rejections are moot.

New claim 16 excludes the silylene ester disclosed in Chem.Abs. 128 (the primary reference cited to support each of the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections). The description of the metallocene is taken literally from cancelled claim 13.

Claim 16 and its dependent claims 10-13 are free of the art of record.

Allowance of claims 16 and 10-13 is requested.

The assistance of the examiner in obtaining correction of the filing date of the instant application is greatly appreciated.



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